

Capt. McDonald says that these icebergs made the grandest sight he ever saw. Most of them were great towering mountains of ice 200 and 300 feet high from their waterline and from two to three miles in circumference. Sometimes, when the sun was shining on them, their dazzling brightness produced a scene of almost indescribable beauty. Then the icebergs would be surrounded by what appeared to be a thin mist and these giant blocks of ice apparently took on numberless forms. Phantom cities, pinnacles and church spires, great animals, etc., all arose before the gaze of Capt. McDonald and his crew as they viewed the icebergs through the misty veil.

The days were long, there being hardly any night. The sun seldom went below the horizon, and even during the few hours of night, daylight or twilight could be seen in the sky. Think of catching a fare of fresh halibut under these conditions, among some of the grandest of scenes which nature vouchsafes to man!

On the trip, the Monitor spoke all of the fletcher halibut fleet except sch. Annie Wesley. They too had worked north in hopes of getting clear of the ice and getting a chance to fish. The whole season had been particularly hard for them, as never before has so much field ice been encountered and never had it stayed on the fishing ground so late in the season.

As a whole the fleet has done very poorly. Some had practically nothing. Sch. Edward S. Eveleth, Capt. John Marshall, was high line. When Capt. McDonald left for home, the field ice was just beginning to leave the ground so that they could do some fishing, but now the weather was beginning to get bad so that they could fish one day and then not not be able to put a dory over for a week or two on a stretch.

Capt. McDonald says all the vessels were hanging on doggedly in hopes of getting a chance to fish and some of the skippers were talking of staying until Christmas. This they will not probably do on account of the rough weather and storms which are sure to set in a little later.

Capt. McDonald left the fletchers a week ago Friday. Sch. Admiral Dewey was fishing in latitude 57.52, sch. Edward S. Eveleth in 57.50, sch. George Parker in 57.43 and sch. Maud M. Story in 57.45 degrees. All were in 60.04 west longitude.

As a whole the fletchers have had a hard time of it. At the start of the season sch. George Parker got struck by a field of ice and had to go to St. John's, N. F., to repair the leak and damage to her stern. Then sch. Admiral Dewey lost part of her cable to save being destroyed by an ice berg. These disasters have been before reported.

Lately sch. Edward S. Eveleth had a very close call and came very near being sunk by a big iceberg, but Capt. Marshall and his crew, by the hardest kind of work, were enabled to save not only their lives and the vessel, but their whole string of cable as well.

Sch. Maud M. Story was not as fortunate. A great iceberg came drifting down on her, from which there seemed no escape. Destruction threaten the vessel and sure death seemed the fate of the crew if they held on any longer, and they were obliged to cut away their whole string of cable to save their lives and the vessel.

Sch. Mist, too, had a hard time of it, and probably had an experience which has fallen to the fate of few vessels. She had been in collision with a big iceberg and escaped. The accident happened in the fog, the vessel striking the big berg with considerable force and escaping with only the loss of her cut water. She is leaking a little as the result of her encounter with the great mass of ice.

Capt. McDonald and his crew are much pleased with the new Monitor and do not hesitate to express their opinion that she is one of the finest fishing vessels ever built. They certainly had a grand chance to test her. Capt. McDonald will make a nice trip as the vessel stocked \$3000 on her last trip.

Thursday, Sept. 17,

## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Illinois, Sable Island Bank, 1 45,000 lbs. fresh cod.  
Sch. Rob Roy, Western Bank, 30,000 lbs. cod, 90,000 lbs. fresh cod.  
Sch. Braganza, Western Bank, 30,000 lbs. cod, 40,000 lbs. fresh cod.  
Sch. Latona, Maine Coast, 145 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Hattie E. Heckman, Maine coast, 235 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Albert Geiger, seining.

### To-day's Market.

Board of Trade prices: large handline Georges cod, \$4.00 per cwt., medium do., \$3.25; large trawl Georges, \$3.75, medium do., \$3.00; handline cod from deck caught east of Cape Sable, \$3.75; medium do., \$3.00; large trawl bank cod, \$3.25; medium do., \$2.75 large dory handline cod, \$3.50, medium do., \$3.

Splitting prices, large cod, \$2.00; medium do., \$1.50; snapper do., 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.50; snapper do., 40 cts.; haddock, \$1.00; hake, \$1.00; pollock, 60 cts.

Outside sales dory handline bank cod, \$3.5-8 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 per cwt. for medium

Fletcher halibut, 6 cts. per lb.

Salt mackerel, \$14.75 for rimmed and \$14 for plain.

Fresh mackerel, 8 cts. apiece.

Swordfish 10 cents per lb.

Bank halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 7 1-2 cts. for gray.

### Boston

Sept. 13—Ar. sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 35,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Dawson City, 18,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 15,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake, 500 pollock.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 35,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Jennie and Agnes, 30,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 700 haddock, 16,000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Two Sisters, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Moses B. Linscott, 9 swordfish.

Sch. Frances Whalen, 27,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, 16,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 500 pollock.

Haddock, \$2.50; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2.75 to \$3.25; hake, \$2 to \$2.25; pollock, \$1.50; swordfish, 13 cts. per lb.

### Mackerel Notes.

A letter from Liverpool, England, from a gentleman connected with the customs department, says the Irish mackerel fishery has opened very poorly. Up to the present time but few fish have been taken, and the prospect for a good catch is poor.

This is when they usually have the best fishing and large receipts are cured for American market. The past week only 50 barrels of the late catch have been invoiced to America by the Leyland line steamship Devonian to Boston. They were consigned to George W. Butler.

The English market is taking some of the fall catch, which is being used fresh for immediate consumption. This is something new, for the fat fall fish were never used there until recently. The mackerel being taken are bringing good prices which encourages the fishermen to prosecute the mackerel fishery to a greater extent than ever before.

About 40 sail of seiners were off Isle au Haut yesterday.

## STOCKS AND SHARES.

### Big Money Which Some Vessels Have Been Making.

### Fishermen Sharing Well in the General Prosperity.

Here are some of the fine stocks and shares made by Gloucester vessels on trips landed this week. They tell their own story of prosperity.

Sch. Flirt, Capt. Albert Green, stocked \$3835 on her recent shack trip, the crew sharing \$119.74. This is the biggest share made in the shack fishery this season, and probably the best ever made on one trip shacking.

Sch. Harvester, Capt. Eldredge Spinney, stocked \$2730 on her recent shack trip, the crew sharing \$79.47.

Sch. Judique, Capt. William Goodwin, stocked \$4009 on her recent fresh and salt trip, the crew sharing \$112.68. This is one of the very best stocks of the season in this branch of the fisheries.

Sch. Vesta, Capt. Edward Nickerson, stocked \$4108 on her recent short dory handline trip, the highline sharing \$140.12.

Sch. Monitor, Capt. Jerome McDonald, stocked \$2767 on her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$66.84.

Sch. Mary P. Mosquita, Capt. Joseph P. Mosquita, stocked \$2000 on her recent haddock trip landed at Boston.

Sch. Agnes E. Downes, Capt. Stephen Cole, stocked \$4123 on her recent seining trip, the crew sharing \$108.

### DULL OUTLOOK.

### No Mackerel Have Been Caught for a Week.

### Thought That the Schools Have Gone Off Shore.

The captains of vessels arriving from seining report the outlook along shore as most discouraging. No fish have been taken since a week ago Thursday and the fleet has been from Cape Cod to Grand Menan and across the Bay of Fundy.

Capt. Eben Lewis of sch. Natalie B. Nickerson reports having been all over the Bay of Fundy and not seen a sign of fish night or day. He believes that the fish have gone off shore. He says that there are not over 1000 barrels of salt mackerel afloat, outside of what are in the harbor.

Capt. Joseph Smith of sch. Hattie E. Heckman reports a very poor outlook for a future catch. He also reports lots of bonitas off here.

The school on which the fleet worked last Thursday off Matinicus have entirely disappeared and the fishermen think that then they were bunching up preparing to leave.

At Rockport this morning were the following mackerel arrivals:

Sch. Grace Howe, 80 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Agawam, 40 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Wide Awake, 350 fresh mackerel.